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GOVERNOR CULVER ANNOUNCES LOANS TO AID WATER INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Planning & Design Loans benefiting 125 water projects around lowa

(Des Moines) Governor Chet Culver is announcing more than \$700,000 in new Planning & Design Loans that will help communities across Iowa finance costs associated with the early stages of developing drinking water or wastewater facilities. Eligible expenses include engineering fees, archaeological surveys, environmental or geological studies and costs related to project plan preparation. The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) administers the Planning & Design Loan program, which is made available through the State Revolving Fund. The loans have zero percent interest for up to three years.

"Planning & Design Loans offer a unique, low-cost financing mechanism for lowa's communities and other water providers," Governor Culver said. "With the state's help, these water providers are saving thousands of dollars on water infrastructure development and are passing those savings on to lowa's rate payers."

Since Planning & Design Loans were introduced in late 2005, IFA has approved more then \$33 million for 125 projects.

Loan recipients approved this month are:

Loan recipient	Amount	Project type	
Sun Valley Sanitary District,			
Ringgold County	\$420,000	Wastewater	
City of Princeton	\$168,800	Wastewater	
City of Hancock	\$40,000	Wastewater	
City of Alburnett	\$14,500	Wastewater	
City of Coin	\$50,000	Wastewater	
City of Alburnett	\$12,000	Drinking Water	
Total	\$705.300		

The lowa Legislature created The lowa Finance Authority, the state's housing finance agency, in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income lowans. IFA also administers the State Revolving Fund (SRF) in cooperation with the lowa Department of Natural Resources. The SRF assists communities with the costs of upgrading or constructing local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects.